

## CONFERENCE OF UNION LEADERS IS CALLED OFF

Big Five Brotherhood Representatives to Meet in Chicago.

Labor Board Sets Meeting for Thursday Afternoon.

## STATEMENT FROM W. G. LEE

Trainmen Cannot Give Service Without Present Wage.

Declares Railroads Taking Unfair Advantage of Business.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 18.—A scheduled meeting here today of executives of the "big five" transportation brotherhoods was cancelled this morning when the five executives were requested by the railroad labor board to meet with the board in Chicago at 2 p. m. Thursday, Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, announced.

The message from the labor board reached Mr. Stone in his office here during the morning. He declared he had no intention of leaving his home and wished to discuss with the leaders of the railroad workers.

T. C. Canham, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, and L. P. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, are still in Chicago. Mr. Canham is in the city, probably Wednesday night, by Mr. Stone, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, confirmed the receipt of a telegram from the railroad labor board at Chicago requesting him to meet with the other members of the railroad transportation brotherhoods in a conference with the board at Chicago Thursday.

Neither Mr. Stone nor Mr. Lee would comment on the proposed meeting, each asserting he had no information of what was to be taken up.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Chiefs of the "big five" railroad transportation organizations convened here today for their first conference since authorizing the nation-wide railroad strike in Chicago last Saturday. Those attending the conference were W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; and E. P. Curtis, representing L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors.

Whether T. C. Canham, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, would arrive in time for the conference was not known. Both he and Mr. Sheppard were expected to arrive during the day.

It was announced that general plans for conducting the strike would be discussed but whether any question of outstanding importance has presented itself was not known. Both he and Mr. Sheppard were expected to arrive during the day.

Lee Issues Statement.

Prior to the conference President Lee of the Trainmen issued a statement in which he asserted that "The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen very reluctantly takes the position that it cannot longer agree to give service unless the railroad workers are paid the wages they have received for many years."

After discussing the wages of trainmen in which he made some comparison of wages paid in 1913 with those received now, Mr. Lee said: "The men have been asked to accept wages at an inadequate living wage. They know the railroads are taking unfair advantage of business depression to force them to accept lower wages and service conditions. To state the matter briefly, they believe that the companies are going to continue their present policy."

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## R. R. WORKERS FROM ARMY

Names of Soldiers With Railroad Experience To Be Reported.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 18.—Major Gen. John L. Hines today received orders from the War Department to make a survey of the entire country to determine the names of all officers and men in the area who have had experience in railroad operation and construction. The report is to be forwarded to Washington no later than noon October 19.

Officers of the War Department order to mean that the government is anticipating the operation of the railroads of the country by the military in case the threatened rail strike of October 30 is effective.

## OIL STRIKE TO WHITE HOUSE

Trouble in California Fields Placed Before President Harding.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The strike in the California oil fields was taken to the White House this morning by Secretary of Labor Davis and Thomas O'Donnell, a California producer, and president of the Petroleum Institute.

Davis and O'Donnell, after numerous references, went to the White House a conference with President Harding. They would not discuss the situation other than to say that prospects of any early settlement of the California oil difficulties are bright.

## The WEATHER

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.  
Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight. Cooler Wednesday afternoon and night.

## COOLER WEATHER ON WAY

Chilly Winds From Northwest Will Cause Drop in Temperature.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES:

7 o'clock.....46 11 o'clock.....59  
9 o'clock.....50 12 o'clock.....72  
1 o'clock.....54 2 o'clock.....74  
3 o'clock.....60 4 o'clock.....72

Altogether the pleasant Indian summer weather will continue here today, the chilly winds from the northwest are due to reach here Wednesday afternoon and night, according to the Meteorologist.

The mercury will reach 65 degrees Wednesday morning, and 72 degrees in the United States Monday, with a (Continued on Page Two)

## WIRTH MAY QUIT

German Chancellor Believed To Be Prepared to Resign.

Political Conditions Indicate Much Opposition to Radicals.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—Dr. Joseph Wirth, German chancellor, was believed here today to be prepared to submit the resignation of his ministry to President Ebert. Official announcement of the decision of the council of the League of Nations, relative to the partition of Upper Silesia, was expected.

Wirth's resignation was expected because of the political conditions in Germany would seem to indicate a growing opposition to the continuance in power of the radical political parties.

Extraordinary scenes followed the opening of the house yesterday. Bankers and brokers were swamped with orders and had greatest difficulty in establishing quotations. Foreign exchange was in a state of confusion, offerings being so scarce and the demand so overwhelming that buyers were allotted only a portion of the lots they desired.

## NAME RICH DUFF

Sabatha Banker Is Appointed State Oil Inspector.

Succeeds H. H. Motter, U. S. Internal Revenue Collector.

Governor Allen today appointed Hugh Duff of Sabatha as state oil inspector to succeed H. H. Motter, resigned. Duff's appointment is effective November 1. He expects to move to Topeka some time next month.

Duff is a well known Sabatha banker and at present treasurer of the Republican state committee. His appointment was announced by Governor Allen today.

Duff is well known in First district politics and during the last two years has been a strong administration worker. He supported the administration in its fight for a national convention delegation favorable to General Wood and also in the fight on D. W. Mulvane for national committee.

Several months ago, after H. H. Motter had secured pledges from Senators Curtis and Capper that he would be recommended for the position of collector, the question of his resignation as state chairman was discussed.

After getting behind Duff as his successor to head the state committee, it is reported that one of the questions which will be discussed in Washington is that of Motter's resignation as Republican state chairman. If the federal department insists on Motter's resignation, Duff's name may again be advanced as the administration candidate.

## HARDING TO WILLIAMSBURG

Will Attend Installation of New President of College.

Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 18.—Preparations have been completed for the arrival here tomorrow of President Harding to attend the installation of Dr. J. A. W. Chandler as president of the College of William and Mary and to receive an honorary degree.

Before coming here the president will spend a few days at the spot where Lord Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington, 100 years before.

He will also visit Jamestown, seven miles away, the site of the first English speaking colony in America.

Williamsburg was founded in 1693 and is the second oldest college in the country. It became a university in 1829, the first such institution in America.

## BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENS

Prime Minister Lloyd George Defers Announcement Until Wednesday.

London, Oct. 18.—Parliament opened today for its autumn session, but later set in today's session was dismissed by the announcement of Prime Minister Lloyd George had deferred until Wednesday his important statement relative to unemployment.

The session of parliament is intended to be brief, its business being limited to unemployment, anti-financial matters, and the threatened business situation must necessarily be handled.

## U. S. BOARD

Effort Is Made to Forestall Strike on Railroads.

Members of Board in Conference with President Harding.

## MEETING CALLED THURSDAY

No Outline Made of What Will Be Discussed.

New Proposals Will Be Made to Union Leaders.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 18.—The action of the railroad labor board in summoning railroad union chiefs to Chicago for conference was described in high official circles today as a first step to determine whether the railway board is to be regarded as an efficient government agency or a failure.

The impression was given in administration quarters today that a freight rate conference was being considered. There was no statement to indicate how soon a decision on the question might be reached but the information that an announcement concerning the rate readjustment might come within a few days.

It was made plain that the consideration being given to the rates question was independent of the present labor wage talks and the threatened walkout of the railroad employees. Ground for the assumption that the rate question had been discussed before the labor board was not substantiated.

The step, it was learned today after the cabinet meeting, is in entire accord with the desires of the administration, also the indications were that President Harding was not ready to take a personal hand in the situation so long as the board was working toward a solution. No conference between the board and the union leaders was in immediate prospect.

It was said, the summons issued to the railroad union chiefs is understood to be a formal character authorized under the Cummins-Each law for cases where there have been violations of the law.

Discussions Are Informal.

The discussions at Chicago are expected to be largely informal, and to be used as a basis for determining whether formal action should be taken against the brotherhoods.

The government's view is that while the strike grows out of a misunderstanding, it is actually hinged upon a real and personal hand in the situation. The government is not prepared to accept the cut in wages made by the railroad labor board.

President Harding has been assured, by the railroad union chiefs, that no formal request or proceeding involving additional wage cuts from the railroad labor board is before him.

The strike is officially regarded as aimed at an existing order of the railroad labor board and not against an individual order.

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## State Journal Reporter Breaks Into Topeka Pulpit After Stiff 27-Year Effort

Rev. Harvey H. Fowler Realizes Ambition of a Lifetime—Comes Here From Bonner Springs to Preach at East Side Methodist Church—Disappointed and Relieved on First Assignment.

It took a State Journal reporter a little more than twenty-seven years to break into the pulpit of one of the Topeka Methodist churches, but he finally did it, and last night the Rev. Harvey H. Fowler, now pastor of the First Methodist church at Bonner Springs, Kan., preached in the East Side Methodist church at Seventh and Lime streets, where he is to preach every night this week in revival meetings.

According to Mr. Fowler his twenty-seven and a half year effort began about this time. He was just a newspaper reporter on the staff of the State Journal, but had just been given a license as a local preacher by the Topeka district conference, when on a Saturday morning he found a note on his desk, signed by L. K. Billingsley, president of the district conference, asking him to help the pastor, the Rev. J. W. E. Clardy, who was not yet ordained, to preach at the church.

"When I received this note I was scared stiff," he says. "However, my newspaper training had brought me to the point of tackling any assignment and Sunday morning I started for the Parkside church. I walked twice around the block before screwing up courage enough to enter but at exactly 11 o'clock I entered the church door, where to my infinite delight and great relief I was just in time to see an old preacher enter the pulpit."

The reporter-preacher slid into a seat behind the stove and heard the old preacher, and then slipped out without stopping to ask why the older man had taken the place. However, he had a hunch that the officials of the church thought the young reporter couldn't preach and they had saved the situation for themselves by having him consult the presiding elder. Mr. Fowler says the officials of the church didn't have anything over him, however, for as they thought he couldn't preach he knew it.

This particular church, known now as the East Side Methodist church, is holding special meetings, and Mr. Fowler has come up from Bonner Springs to help the pastor, the Rev. J. W. E. Clardy, who was not yet ordained, to preach at the church.

"This evening is to be on 'Jonah and the Whale,' and he has extended an invitation to the entire State Journal staff to attend the service and get the latest inside information on that first 'submarine' adventure."

## WILL MEET IN K. C. CRISIS IS NEAR

Strike or No Strike, Legion Convention Will Be Held.

Posts to Take Action to Prevent Railroad Strike.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 18.—American Legion officials prepared today to "swing into action" the full strength of the legion posts throughout the country to take action to prevent the threatened railroad strike from interfering with the national convention which will be held in this city October 31, and November 1 and 2.

Strike or no strike the convention will be held as per the schedule, according to legion officials. The convention will be held at the Hotel McPherson.

To Open October 31.

The American Legion convention will open October 31 in Kansas City. If only three men are present, "as the constitution provides," the convention will be held at the Hotel McPherson.

From various parts of the country, assurances began to come in that the legions would get to Kansas City even if they had to man their feet. Denver Legions sent word that they have enough experienced men to man a special train and we will be in Kansas City on schedule.

Mr. J. H. Emery, grand commander of the American Legion, announced they would operate their own special train if necessary to reach the convention city.

National Commander Emery was aroused over the action taken here yesterday by the legion officers in asking railway heads to postpone the strike for one week in order that delegates and guests might attend the convention. In a telephone conversation with the railway heads, he declared such a course unwarranted.

"The distinguished visitors will be in Kansas City," he stated. "The speakers will be here, and the delegates will be there. The American Legion does not see that they have any objection to the convention in order to hold its convention."

It was believed today in the event of a strike some arrangement may be made with railroad men to provide train service for legion delegates. Along with the heads of the railway industry, a number of men of Rock Island, Ill., that they will volunteer to man special trains to be used exclusively by legionnaires on their way to this city.

In the meantime, preparations are going ahead for the convention which will bring up to date of 100,000 people to this city the very day the strike is scheduled to go into effect.

To Beat Strike to Kansas City.

National Commander Emery, delegate to the national convention of the American Legion to be held in Kansas City, October 31 to November 2, will go to the city to see that the threatened railroad strike is scheduled to go into effect and "will abide by the fortunes of war when it comes to getting back," according to a statement at headquarters of the Legion here today.

1,000 MINERS AT WORK

No Noticeable Increase Over Number Employed Monday.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 18.—Approximately 1,000 miners were at work in district 14, U. M. W. A., today, it was announced this morning by the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' Association. There was no noticeable increase over the number of men working yesterday.

## BOYS STEAL MOTOR CAR

High School Lads Charged With Theft of Garlinghouse Buick.

Arrested today by Patrolman Webb, 17, Topeka high school boys were being held in the city jail today in connection with the theft Monday night of a Buick car belonging to L. F. Garlinghouse, 231 Edgewood avenue.

They were arrested about 11 o'clock Monday night by Patrolman Webb, who was on duty at the time. The car was stolen from the house of L. F. Garlinghouse, 231 Edgewood avenue, where the car was being stored.

They were released and sent home. The youths said they had "borrowed" the car to take the girls to riding.

COMPLETE AUTOMOBILE PROTECTION TRAPPERS MEET INSURANCE SERVICE. Phone 27.

## FIND BOLIN GUILTY

Jury Out 3 1/2 Hours in Case Against Farm Hand.

Charged With First Degree Arson in Berryton Fire.

## MURDER CHARGE TO COME?

Bolin Alleged to Have Killed Aged Couple in House.

Motion for New Trial and Supreme Court Appeal.

A verdict declaring James Bolin, farm hand, guilty of arson in the first degree, was returned this morning by the jury in Judge George Whitcomb's division of the district court. Sentence was deferred until November 12.

Bolin's attorneys announced that they will file a motion immediately for a new trial and in the event it is overruled will appeal to the supreme court.

The possibility of a murder charge being placed against Bolin was foreseen as a result of the verdict.

It is alleged that the farm hand robbed and murdered Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens, an aged couple, and then set fire to their farm home near Berryton to hide the crime on the night of February 20, 1921. It is intimated that if Bolin was guilty of arson that he must also be guilty of murder. County Attorney Veale stated that he is not yet in a position to say whether the murder charge will be preferred. The penalty for first degree arson is confinement in the state prison for a term of ten to twenty-one years.

Took 3 1/2 Hours.

The case went to the jury shortly after 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, when the jury retired for deliberations. The jury did not retire for deliberation until 7:20 o'clock. At 9 o'clock they sent word to Judge Whitcomb that they were unable to agree on a verdict. They were excused until 9 o'clock this morning, when they again retired.

The sheriff and county attorney's office, as well as Otto Hunsate, who assisted in the trial, were unable to agree on a verdict. When the farm hand was first arrested there was practically no evidence against him, but when he brought habeas corpus proceedings to obtain his release several days later on the ground that he was being held without a warrant, the case was continued.

It was believed that the case would be decided in a few days. The case was continued for several days, but the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

Out With Woman, He Says.

Bolin was arrested a few days after the fire. He at first refused to tell authorities his whereabouts that Sunday night. Later he stated that he met Mrs. Kate Wiscombe at the Santa Fe depot about 7:30 o'clock and walked with her to the train. He said they remained until 1 o'clock in the morning.

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## FOR VICTORY HIGHWAY, \$3,347

First Day of Campaign a Real Success, Work Well Believed.

The Victory Highway membership campaign is on in full force. By noon today \$3,347.50 of the \$10,000 quota for Topeka had been raised. It is expected that approximately \$4,000 will be raised here before the day is over. The merchants and business men are very much enthused over the success to date.

The Co-operative club challenged the Kiwanis club to a competitive campaign, the loser furnishing the extra money.

The Kiwanis club won, raising \$1,015 from membership sales against \$320 raised by the Co-operative club. The amounts raised by other clubs are as follows: Topeka Automobile club, \$255; Life Insurance Underwriters, \$265; Square Circle club, \$290; and the Merchants' association, \$275.

The campaign will be renewed Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock when the drive is expected to go over the top.

## WOOLARD ELECTED PRESIDENT

Wichita Man Heads State Historical Society Here.

Col. Samuel Francis Woolard of Wichita was today elected president of the State Historical society. His election occurred at a business session of members in Memorial hall this afternoon.

Woolard is well known in the state and is author of several books. He has been identified with Kansas affairs for many years and is a pioneer member of the State Historical society.

## FAVORS FEDERAL TRIBUNAL

Governor Allen Has Plan to Adjourn Threatened Strike.

Governor Allen told friends in the state house today that he favored immediate creation of a federal tribunal to settle the threatened railroad strike. It is probable that he will later make a formal statement regarding the strike situation.

In his discussion of the railroad trouble today the Kansas governor said he believed the nation should meet the issue fearlessly. He said the public was entitled to protection against frenzied labor policies which have developed since passage of the Adamson act under the Wilson administration.

## MAY MEET IN ST. LOUIS.

Press Congress of World Invited to Hold Next Session in Missouri.

Honolulu, Oct. 18.—William Southern, Jr., secretary of the Press Examining, on behalf of the Missouri Press association, yesterday invited the Press Congress of the World in session here to hold its next meeting in St. Louis. Another invitation was received from Spain.

## HE SLEPT IN HANDCUFFS

Topekan, Arrested for Stealing Motor Car, Couldn't Get Out of His "Wristlets"—Lost Key.

An oversight by the sheriff at Table Rock, Neb., made it necessary for James McCartney, 17, to sleep with a pair of handcuffs on his wrists in the county jail Monday night.

McCartney, charged with stealing a Dodge motor car from Peter Limbach, proprietor of the Rent-a-Dodge company here, was arrested in Table Rock. When he was returned to Topeka the sheriff sent the wrong key and it was discovered too late that the handcuffs could not be unlocked. McCartney was taken to a locksmith this morning and the "bracelets" removed. He lives north of Shawnee, officers said.

## DR. EMBREE DIES

Veteran Topeka Minister Victim of Heart Failure.

Served in Civil War—Came to Topeka in 1892.

Dr. A. S. Embree, age 78, veteran Topeka minister, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 1616 West Sixth avenue. Death was due to heart trouble. His death came as a sudden blow to his relatives and immediate friends as he was apparently in good health, except for an occasional attack of heart trouble.

Referring to the suggestion at the public group of the railroad labor board that the 12 per cent wage decrease granted in July be translated immediately into lowered rates, Mr. Cuyler declared much of the decrease had been so translated even before the new wage scale became effective.

He also cited a list of reductions announced since July 1, which he said, on some roads, have amounted to more than the reduction in wages so far made, while on other roads, "the wage reductions allowed no net return on operations but merely provided for the further accumulation of a deficit."

Prepare To Meet Strike.

Despite the note of optimism sounded in administration quarters at Washington, many railroad officials here appeared convinced that the strike would become effective and that they were prepared to meet it. Some welcomed it.

"This is the time and the place for it," said E. D. Underwood, president of the Topeka Board of Trade, who declared the strike was against the railroad labor board rather than against the lines involved, and declared that the board was a government control, "the desire of all labor bodies, some part of the public and the Marine Engineers' May Join."

The problem of feeding and fueling New York in the event of a rail tieup has been complicated by the announcement that the Marine Engineers' Benevolent Association, about one thousand members operate harbor boats and lighters, plying between New York and New Jersey, would meet on November 1 to decide on the question of joining the railroad men. The engineers say they are affected by the railroad wage cuts.

Health Commissioner Copeland said he entertained no apprehension regarding the ability of municipal authorities to feed the city in case the strike comes.

At least one commercial aircraft was available through the country for transporting passengers, mail and express in the event of a railroad strike, the Marine Engineers' Association has informed Secretary Hoover in a telegram.

One commercial company here has placed two extra planes in the event of a strike, Mayor Hylan, estimating that they could bring 250,000 pounds of foodstuffs into New York daily.

## TAKE RATHER THAN GIVE

Leader of Group of Unemployed Visits National Capital.

Washington, Oct. 18.—"A city without a civic conscience" was the appellation bestowed upon the national capital by a group of unemployed men who came here to demand elected shepherd for a group of unemployed. The population of Washington, he declared, was composed of "a bunch of scoundrels who come to take rather than give."

Having failed to find a collective conscience here, Ledoux would continue his efforts to locate on some one of the broad avenues "an individual conscience which would recognize its duty." His latest blow, he explained, was the refusal of the local authorities to renew a permit for a public meeting held by a charitable organization through which he had hoped to obtain funds to cover food and lodging for the fifty men under his charge.

Ledoux said that as a last resort only he intended to repeat in Washington the auction of unemployed which he recently staged on Boston common.

## DEFENDANT IN \$20,000 SUIT

President of Rock Island, Ill. Bank Is Being Tried Today.

Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 18.—J. D. Vernon, president of the People's National Bank, is being tried today in a suit for \$20,000 brought by Miss Mary Smith, of Davenport. Miss Smith charges that Vernon twice attacked her, once in an apartment and once in an automobile.

Vernon is married and the father of a family.